

ANNAPOLIS COVE NEWSLETTER, FEBRUARY, 2013

EVENT UPDATES:

First Friday Happy Hour at EBB TIDE

This month's Ebb Tide Happy Hour will be on Friday, February 1st at 6. Since this is so early in the month, we want to let you know about the *next* Happy Hour will be March 1st at 6 p.m. Mark your calendars now so you can join your neighbors.

Bunco will be at Michelle Traxels on Thursday, February 28th! If you'd like to join, please email maryanncallaghan@verizon.net.

There will be a Hospitality Committee Meeting at The Callaghan's (3253 Chrisland Dr) on Sunday, February 10th at 7. We'll keep it short and sweet! This is a fun committee to join if you want to get involved with the community.

SECURITY TIP:

Ever think of using your car panic button as a security alarm INSIDE the house? Rick Lynch passed on this tip that came from a neighborhood watch coordinator and makes a lot of sense.

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage.

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the intruder won't stick around. After a few seconds, all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.

MORE SCOOP ON POOP:

Someone is bagging poops (a good thing) but leaving the bags curbside, especially on the Chrisland side of the neighborhood. Folks, there is no poop fairy. Don't expect anyone else to pick it up. It's your responsibility as a dog owner to take those "doggie bags" home and put them in the garbage.

UPDATED DIRECTORY:

We've attached the latest Cove Directory for your convenience.

Outstanding ACPOA Annual Assessments

Electronic reminder notices for payment of your annual dues were sent out by ACPOA Treasurer Sylvia Stafford, Annapolis Cove Treasurer in November, 2012. Sylvia has since sent out reminders to homeowners which have missed the payment deadline of December 31st.

As of this date, there are still some property owners outstanding. If you have not paid your Annual Assessment, please do so as soon as possible by sending full payment to the Annapolis Cove mailbox located at 3129A Catrina Lane. Remember that it is every homeowner's responsibility to pay the annual assessment on time. **The ACPOA Board shall collect unpaid or late assessments in accordance with the Declaration of Covenants, Article IV, Remedies for Non-Payment of Assessments.** You should expect additional interest added to your assessment as per the Declaration of Covenants, if you have failed to make your payment on time.

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January 2013 Newsletter follows on the next page.

ANNAPOLIS COVE NEWSLETTER, JANUARY 2013

Events, Security Updates and More

Events

The next **First Friday Happy Hour at Ebb Tide** will be February 4th at 7PM

Details for **Ladies Bunco** in January or February have not been finalized. If you are interested in being included on the email distribution list for this group, contact maryanncallaghan@verizon.net.

Successful Annual Santa's Run in December 2012

The annual Santa's Run toy collection effort to benefit needy kids in our community was a fun event for kids of all ages. Thanks to all who donated.

Safety and Security Alert

We need to remind you to be sure and lock any vehicles that are left in the street or in driveways. There were four incidents of items stolen from vehicles last month and Bay Ridge has also been reporting problems. With the darkness coming so early now, it is a good idea to keep lights on outside or put them on timers. A well-lit neighborhood is always less attractive to criminals.

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New Neighbors

Please welcome Andrew & Susan Emerson, 1208 Chrisland Court and Bill and Kym Grice, 3207 Britania Court

December 2012 Newsletter follows on the next page.

ANNAPOLIS COVE NEWSLETTER, DECEMBER, 2012

Holiday Event Updates; Common Areas Explained and More

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First Friday Happy Hour at EBB TIDE

This month's Ebb Tide Happy Hour will be on Friday, December 7th at 7. We are looking forward to catching up and having a drink for the holidays! We will be there and will make sure we bring something "distinguishing" so that our group will be recognizable and memorable...and festive!

Dates to Circle for upcoming Happy Hours – Friday, January 4th!

Santa's Coming to Annapolis Cove

The Annapolis City and Anne Arundel County Fire Departments will again be escorting Santa and his elves to Annapolis Cove on December 11th at approximately 5:00 PM. A generous gift of a new toy; wrapped and marked with the intended age group, as well as if it is for a girl, boy, or both; will benefit needy children in the Annapolis and Edgewater area. Pick up points will be at the corner of Catrina Lane and Ketch Court followed by the corner of Chrisland Drive and Chrisland Court. For additional details you can view and download the flyer from the ACPOA (www.AnnapolisCove.org) website.

COMMON AREAS:

The Board has recently approved an updated version Annapolis Cove Common Areas Documentation and Guidelines. This document includes information on reserving the picnic area, dinghy use, etc.

As a resident of Annapolis Cove, you should be aware of the various common area properties of the community and guidelines for use. (A copy will also be available for access on the Annapolis Cove website.)

Here it is, in its entirety:

Common Areas Documentation and Guidelines

The Common Areas of Annapolis Cove are amenities within the community that are designed for: Community resident's recreational use, Right of way access or General community adornment. The Common Areas are defined as anything not owned by an individual homeowner, or the county or the state.

These include:

- The three brick community entranceways and surrounding landscaping
- The Chrisland drainage pond, and observation dock as well as the surrounding woods and landscaped area
- The Marina Picnic area, including basketball court, tables & benches, the dinghy dock / fishing pier, all its stairs and the dinghy rack
- The entrance road to the Marina including a small strip of land adjacent to it and the Marina parking lot
- The side strips of land adjacent to Bay Ridge Road

Homeowners in good standing may use these amenities as appropriate and by consent when required.

Chrisland Pond, observation dock and sanctuary

Residents are encouraged to enjoy the peaceful scenery of the sanctuary, wooded areas and the nature-scaped gardens that surround the pond. (Access within the fencing or onto the pond is prohibited.)

Marina Picnic Area

Residents may use the picnic area at any time for informal gatherings. Residents who would like to host their formal group functions at the picnic area may also have access to it, but may be required to receive prior authorization for groups of 15 or more persons.

Dinghy dock / fishing pier

A homeowner may tie their (i.e. personal property) small craft boat to the dinghy dock / fishing pier. Any boat on the dinghy dock / fishing pier must display an Annapolis Cove sticker and be registered with the Common Grounds Chair. There are no assigned slips and availability is on a first come first serve basis. This area is loosely regulated and it is highly desirable that it not be over constrained by community management. Therefore any differences should initially be resolved directly between the parties involved. If a resolution cannot be achieved the Common Ground Chair will make the final determination.

Dinghy rack

A homeowner may place their small craft boat on the dinghy rack. (i.e. personal property) Any boat on the dinghy rack must display an Annapolis Cove sticker and be registered with the Common Grounds Chair. There are no assigned slots and availability is on a first come first serve basis. This area is loosely regulated and it is highly desirable that it not be over constrained by community management. Therefore any differences should initially be resolved

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Picnic Area and Recreation Area use Policy

The Picnic and Recreation areas adjacent to the Marina are intended for the use and enjoyment of all community members in good standing and is generally available at all times to our residents. On special occasions a resident may host a function at the recreation area based on approval of their reservation. This practice continues with this Recreation Area Use Policy effective as of May 1, 2006 and updated November 30, 2012.

Only resident members in good standing of the ACPOA may make reservations.

- Reservations are required for parties of 15 or more persons.
Purpose of the reservation will be disclosed.
No single party may reserve the entire area. Two picnic tables and one barbecuing pit must remain open throughout the party assembly.
Reservations will not be "for profit" commercial ventures.
No automobile parking by any non-resident participants of the event will be permitted in the recreation area parking lot. Where practical, party participants should be asked to park automobiles near the party sponsor's residence.
Total clean-up and disposal of all rubbish, trash, etc., created by the event will be completed immediately after the event by the party host (or agent).
- Reserving party is responsible for all damage, breakage that may result from the "party" activity.
Reserving party is responsible for the conduct of participants in the party and should keep in mind that serving of alcohol to minors is an infraction of existing law. Also, after 7:00 p.m., please exercise noise discipline by turning down any loud music or other loud devices which may disturb the tranquility of the Annapolis Cove community. Any violation of existing laws by a party participant is the responsibility of the resident reserving the recreation area.
Public advertising for an event via local newspapers, bulletin boards, etc., should be held to a minimum, and shall be worded so as not to mislead the public that our community area is a rental site for non-residents. Advertisements should specifically list the sponsoring resident when the resident is sponsoring an event for an outside organization.

Reservation Contact

Reservations may be made by contacting Evie Renz, steve-evie@msn.com or by mail at 3128 Catrina Lane, Annapolis, MD, 21403. No phone reservation requests will be accepted. All requests should contain at a minimum the following: Name, telephone number, address of the resident host, e-mail address, date/time required, number of guests, purpose of function, and proposed end time of the event. (If a request is not acknowledged or responded to within 10

days please query, as spam protections and other cyberspace unknowns may capture the original request.)

Parking Lot Guidelines

The waterfront recreation area parking is for vehicles of Annapolis Cove property owners only. All vehicles using this area should display the community decal which is available from AC board members.

- Guests joining you at the waterfront recreation area or at the marina should park at your residence leaving the limited parking available for other property owners. This is particularly appropriate on weekends and holidays when parking is especially difficult.
- Driving on and or parking vehicles in the waterfront picnic area is prohibited because of possible damage to the water sprinkling system and the lawn.
- The road beyond the parking lot is expressly for emergency and maintenance vehicles.
- In consideration of your neighbors on weekends, limit vehicles to one per family. This is particularly important during the summer season.

This set of guidelines pertaining to the use and maintenance of common areas within Annapolis Cove has been prepared by the Common Areas Committee of Annapolis Cove. These rules have been reviewed and approved by the Annapolis Cover Property Owners Board of Directors and are hereby provided to property owners for their guidance. Any questions or comments regarding these rules should be directed to the Common Areas Committee.

The Common Areas Committee is responsible for the maintenance and management of all common areas within Annapolis Cove for the general use and enjoyment of all community property owners in good standing. The use of and access to the marina piers are not part of Common Areas and are under the control of the Marina Committee.

Holiday Crime Alert

The number of thefts from automobiles and garages typically increases this time of year. We've already had one reported incident in the neighborhood where unlocked cars were targeted over night. Please keep all belongings out of cars. Also, keep your cars locked, garage doors closed and outside lights on.

ACPOA Annual Assessments Deadline Approaching

Each homeowner should have recently received an invoice, either electronically or by US Mail, for the ACPOA annual assessment which is due by the end of the year. Remember that it is every homeowner's responsibility to pay the annual assessment on time. Again, this year, the ACPOA Board shall implement the collection of unpaid, or late, assessments in accordance with the Declaration of Covenants, Article IV, Remedies for Non-Payment of Assessments. **The full payment is expected no later than December 31, 2012.** Failure to make your payment on time can result in additional interest being charged to the homeowner as per the Declaration of

Covenants. Send to the Annapolis Cove mailbox located at 3129A Catrina Lane (21403). You may mail or drop in the box. Thanks to those who have already paid.

Landscape tip: ENGLISH IVY

One neighbor has noticed several trees in the community have become overgrown with Ivy. You might find it interesting to know that English Ivy growing on your trees will eventually kill them. You are advised to cut the vines at the base of the tree, which should help kill the vines over time. Digging the roots will help eliminate the ivy that much sooner. Refer to the following links for more details

<http://www.invasive.org/eastern/midatlantic/hehe.html>

<http://www.portlandonline.com/parks/index.cfm?c=47820>

Contractor Signs:

Many residents are not aware that the covenants restrict display of signage on properties, including contractor's signage. (This excludes political campaign signage which is addressed by Maryland law which governs the use and time period for posting political campaign signs on private property.).

For your convenience, we've included the relevant covenant:

Article Seven, Section Five:

No sign or billboard of any kind shall be displayed to public view on any portion of the properties or any lot, except one (1) sign for each building site, of not more than eighteen inches (18") by twenty-four inches (24") advertising the property for sale or rent. This provision is not to apply to Declarant and to developers advertising the property for sale during the construction and sales period.*

If you have any signage on your property other than that allowed above, please take it down.

NEW NEIGHBORS

Please join us in welcoming new neighbors:

Jim and Jill Jordan at 3250 Chrisland Drive

and *Clyde Purdy and Elizabeth Elliott* at 3111 Droque Court .

WISHING YOU ALL HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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November 2012 Newsletter follows on the next page.

ANNAPOLIS COVE NEWSLETTER, NOVEMBER, 2012

Storm Preparedness, Event Updates; Front Entrance News and More

STORM PREPAREDNESS:

As this Newsletter is being written, Hurricane Sandy is due to have an impact on our community. Here are some tips to keep safe and prepared from Anne Arundel County Office of Emergency Preparedness:

Check around your house and yard. Put away any loose items such as toys, lawn fixtures or furniture, potted plants. Any loose items could get picked up by wind and become "projectiles".

Clear your gutters and downspouts for debris.

Remove any dead or diseased branches from your trees.

Check to make sure your sump pump is working. (Have a back-up battery ready).

DHS and FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency urge you to check your family's emergency kit for canned food, can opener, plenty of water, batteries, portable radio, cell phone chargers. You can find a full list of emergency kit items here: www.ready.gov/basic-disaster-supplies-kit

Fill a bath tub with water for flushing toilets

Keep a hard line phone available in case of electrical outages

Power outages can be reported to BGE at 877-778-2222.

The OEP website is: <http://www.aacounty.org/OEM> They also have a Facebook Page that is updated frequently (includes tracking maps, etc.)

EVENT UPDATES:

First Friday Happy Hours at the EBB TIDE

October's First Happy Hour was a successful event! We are looking forward to keeping the momentum going! Join us on Friday, November 2nd for our next Friday Night Happy Hour. We hope you can make it.

Dates to Circle for upcoming Happy Hours – Friday, December 7th and Friday, January 4th!

LADIES, LOOKING FOR A NIGHT OUT?

BUNCO got started in October with a great bunch of Ladies. Bunco is an easy dice game that can be played with no experience at all! We have more dates scheduled so please contact MaryAnn Callaghan if interested in joining our group. – maryanncallaghan@verizon.net

Got Cabin Fever? – Circle Saturday, February 9th

Annapolis Cove is looking to bring back the Winter Gathering. We're planning a fun, local and inexpensive night out for our neighborhood. Circle the date on your calendar and look for more details in the next cove news. If you are interested in helping out, contact maryanncallaghan@verizon.net.

FRONT ENTRANCE WORK:

You may have noticed work being done on the front entrances to the community. They have been cleaned and cleared to make way for improvements. Keep your eyes open as work proceeds for a fresher, more updated look. The anticipated completion is slated by or before this Spring.

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